Philosophy and Ethics Curriculum Overview

OUTCOMES VALUES CHOICES

AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2

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What is philosophy and Ethics?

- Identity
- Belief in God
- Expression of religious belief
- Sources of wisdom

The Origins of the six main religions

- One lesson on each of the six main religions
- The context in which each faith developed
- The origin stories of each faith

How does religion deal with the issue of conflict?

- Can war be justified?
- The Just War Theory
- Pacifism
- A world without religion

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How has Ancient Greek Philosophy influenced our world?

- Plato's Republic
- Socratic questioning skills
- Epictetus and Stoicism
- Diogenes' Life without Luxury

Do the teachings of Jesus stand the test of time?

- Who was Jesus?
- The importance of the Bible as a source of wisdom
- How Christians express belief in Jesus in their daily lives

To what extent is our society just?

- How should we deal with crime?
- What do religions say about treatment of criminals?
- Is the death penalty a morally acceptable punishment for crime?

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Why did humans start believing in the spiritual?

- Early human beliefs about the world and themselves
- How early humans tried to make sense of the world
- Evidence for the 'first' religion amongst humans
- What did early forms of religion look like?

How does religion deal with the issues arising from medical advancements?

- The importance of the sanctity of life and how it should be protected.
- Religious teaching on key issues such as organ donation and fertility treatment.
- To what extent should your religion impact your decisions about medical treatment?

How does ethics help us to make difficult decisions?

- Absolute and relative morality
- Ethical theories; deontology, utilitarianism, situation ethics
- Application of theories to ethical dilemmas
- Making comparisons between theories, evaluating their effectiveness